Amendments to the Claims

1. – 21. (Cancelled)

22. (New) A method comprising:
a disk drive receiving and storing an electronic program guide (EPG);
copying portions of the EPG to dynamic random access memory (DRAM).

23. (New) The method of claim 22 further comprising partitioning the EPG into a program portion, a channel portion, and a schedule portion, wherein the program, channel and schedule portions are stored in the disk drive.

24. (New) The method of claim 23 further comprising:
partitioning the program portion into first and second program sub portions, wherein the second program sub portion is copied to the DRAM.

25. (New) The method of claim 23 further comprising:
partitioning the channel portion into first and second channel sub portions, wherein the second channel sub portion is copied to the DRAM.

26. (New) The method of claim 23 further comprising:
partitioning the channel portion into first and second schedule sub portions, wherein the second schedule sub portion is copied to the DRAM.

27. (New) The method of claim 23 further comprising:
partitioning the program portion into first and second program sub portions, wherein the second program sub portion is copied to the DRAM;
partitioning the channel portion into first and second channel sub portions, wherein the second channel sub portion is copied to the DRAM;
partitioning the channel portion into first and second schedule sub portions, wherein the second schedule sub portion is copied to the DRAM.

28. (New) The method of claim 22 further comprising:
copying first data from the DRAM to the hard disk;
deleting the first data from the DRAM after it is copied to the hard disk.

29. (New) A set-top receiver for receiving an EPG, the set-top receiver comprising:
a microprocessor;
a hard drive coupled to the microprocessor, wherein the disk drive is configured to store the EPG received by the set-top receiver;
a DRAM coupled to the hard drive, wherein the DRAM is configured to receive and store portions of the EPG from the hard drive.

30. (New) The set-top receiver of claim 29 further comprising:
a memory for storing instructions executable by the microprocessor, wherein the microprocessor is configured to implement a method, the method comprising:
partitioning the EPG stored in the hard drive into a program portion, a channel portion, and a schedule portion, wherein the program, channel and schedule portions are stored in the disk drive.

31. (New) The set-top receiver of claim 30 wherein the method further comprises:
partitioning the program portion into first and second program sub portions, wherein the second program sub portion is copied to the DRAM.

32. (New) The set-top receiver of claim 30 wherein the method further comprises:
partitioning the channel portion into first and second channel sub portions, wherein the second channel sub portion is copied to the DRAM.

33. (New) The set-top receiver of claim 30 wherein the method further comprises:
partitioning the channel portion into first and second schedule sub portions, wherein the second schedule sub portion is copied to the DRAM.

34. (New) The set-top receiver of claim 30 wherein the method further comprises:
partitioning the program portion into first and second program sub portions, wherein the second program sub portion is copied to the DRAM;
partitioning the channel portion into first and second channel sub portions, wherein the second channel sub portion is copied to the DRAM;
partitioning the channel portion into first and second schedule sub portions, wherein the second schedule sub portion is copied to the DRAM.

35. (New) The set-top receiver of claim 30 wherein the method further comprises:
copying first data from the DRAM to the hard disk;
deleting the first data from the DRAM after it is copied to the hard disk.

36. (New) A memory medium for storing instructions executable by a microprocessor in a set-top receiver, wherein the microprocessor implements a method in response to executing the instructions, the method comprising:
storing an electronic program guide (EPG) in a hard drive of the set-top box;
copying portions of the EPG from the hard drive to a dynamic random access memory (DRAM).

37. (New) The memory medium of claim 36 wherein the method further comprises:
partitioning the EPG into a program portion, a channel portion, and a schedule portion, wherein the program, channel and schedule portions are stored in the disk drive.

38. (New) The memory medium of claim 36 wherein the method further comprises:
partitioning the program portion into first and second program sub portions, wherein the second program sub portion is copied to the DRAM.

39. (New) The memory medium of claim 36 wherein the method further comprises:
partitioning the channel portion into first and second channel sub portions, wherein the second channel sub portion is copied to the DRAM.

40. (New) The memory medium of claim 36 wherein the method further comprises:
partitioning the channel portion into first and second schedule sub portions, wherein the second schedule sub portion is copied to the DRAM.

41. (New) The memory medium of claim 36 wherein the method further comprises:
partitioning the program portion into first and second program sub portions, wherein the second program sub portion is copied to the DRAM;
partitioning the channel portion into first and second channel sub portions, wherein the second channel sub portion is copied to the DRAM;
partitioning the channel portion into first and second schedule sub portions, wherein the second schedule sub portion is copied to the DRAM.